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# SOVIET MILITARY ORDER OF BATTLE BALTIC MD

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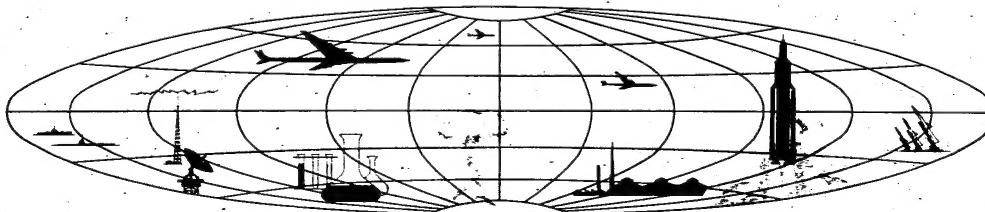
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### PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MILITARY INSTALLATION  
(57-24N 021-34E)  
VENTSPILS, LATVIYSKAYA SSR, USSR  
BALTIC MD

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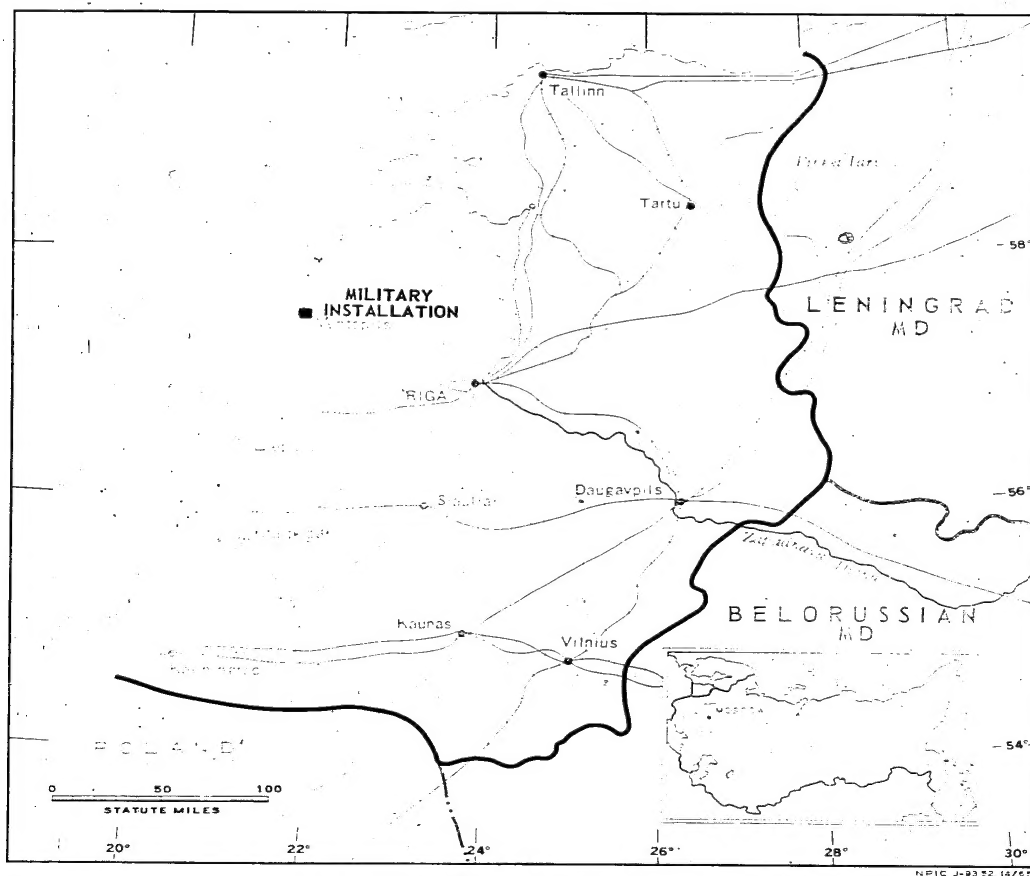


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY INSTALLATION.

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FIGURE 2. MILITARY INSTALLATION, VENTSPILS, USSR.

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### SUMMARY

A military installation is located on the northeast edge of Ventspils on the Baltic Sea. The installation is approximately 3 kilometers (km) northwest of a railroad bridge and adjacent to a commercial quay (Figure 1).

The installation covers approximately 500 acres and contains: 2 housing/administration areas with a total of 22 barracks/administration buildings, 22 possible dependents quarters, 5 storage buildings, 7 support buildings, a motor pool with 3 vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, an ammunition storage area with 4 storage buildings, a driver-training course, and an armor range (Figures 2 and 3). A POL storage

and unloading area with 2 piers is located immediately southwest of the installation on the shores of the Baltic Sea. A major POL storage compound is located northeast of the military installation.

This installation is covered on TALENT photography of [REDACTED] and on [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions between [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The driver-training course, motor pool, 6 barracks/administration buildings, and approximately 25 other buildings have been added since [REDACTED]. The area appears very active on photography throughout this period.

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### DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

#### Road Service

A good secondary road provides access to Ventspils.

#### Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 5 U-shaped multistory barracks/administration buildings, 3 multistory barracks, a multistory administration building, 5 storage buildings, and 5 support buildings.

Area D2 contains 11 possible multistory barracks, 22 possible dependents housing units, 2 administration buildings, and 2 support buildings.

#### Ammunition Storage Area

Area F is secured and contains 4 ammunition storage buildings.

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#### POL Storage Areas

Area G is a small POL storage area with 3 POL storage tanks measuring 90, 80, and 70 feet in diameter.

A large POL storage area (not shown in Figures 2 and 3) is located 1.5 km northeast of the barracks installation and contains 24 POL storage tanks, each 70 feet in diameter, 21 POL storage tanks, each 65 feet in diameter, and 4 POL storage tanks, each 45 feet in diameter.

This area is connected by pipeline to a second POL storage and shipping area (not shown in Figures 2 and 3) southwest of the military installation. This area contains several open oil pits or reservoirs, 2 piers, and 34 POL storage tanks with the following diameters: two 75 feet, fourteen 50 feet, fifteen 15 feet, and three 20 feet.

#### Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains 2 support buildings and 3 motor vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, measuring 320 by 80 feet, 220 by 65 feet, and [REDACTED]. Possible vehicles are parked in this area on photography of [REDACTED].

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#### Driver-Training Area

Area M contains an irregular driver-train-

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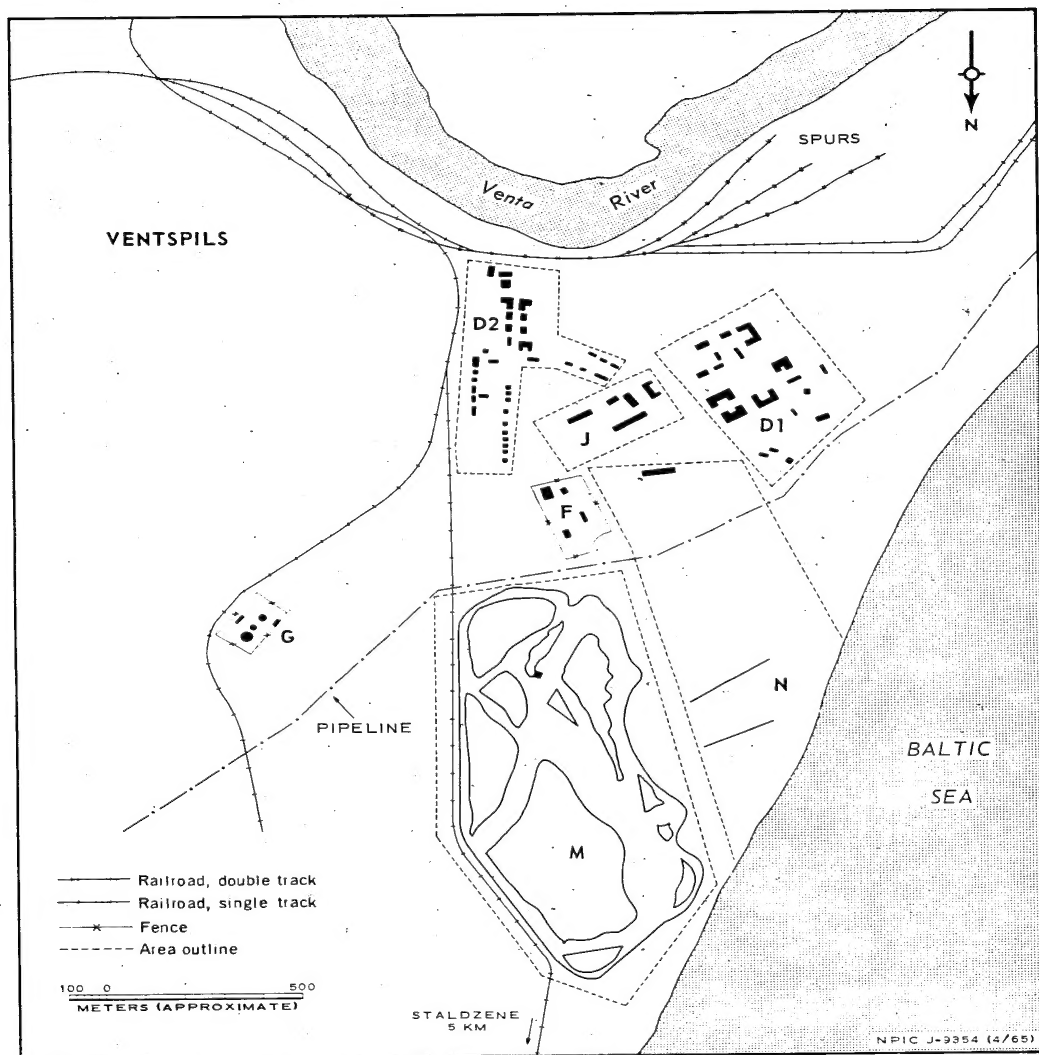


FIGURE 3. MILITARY INSTALLATION. Sketch compiled from

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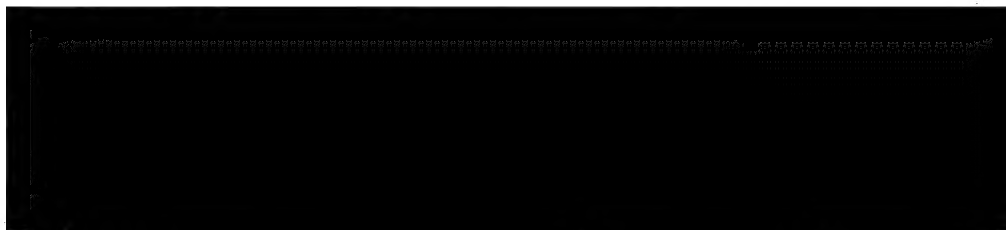
Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N is a 3,000-foot firing range with a probable support building, 360 by 50 feet.

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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